

**2010 Test Package  
for e-file of  
California Business and Individual  
Tax Returns in XML Format**

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# Section 1 – Introduction

## 1.1 Welcome

Thank you for participating in California's e-file program.

This publication provides the information you need to successfully complete our Participant Acceptance Testing System (PATs), including test conditions, test procedures, and instructions for preparing test material for e-filing business and individual XML tax returns.

We will begin accepting test transmissions for the upcoming filing season on:

**November 15, 2010 - Individual Legacy**

**November 15, 2010 - Business**

**November 22, 2010 - Individual XML**

## 1.2 General Information

The Franchise Tax Board's (FTB) PATs process makes software acceptance testing easy. We do not require you to use a specific set of state return scenarios. Instead we allow you to supply your own test returns that reflect the forms, schedules and features your software supports. A list of general conditions that must be followed within the returns is provided in section 2.3. All required test returns must be accepted with no rejects before the software will be considered for final acceptance.

FTB follows the e-file Program requirements found in IRS Pubs. 1345, 4162, 4163, 4164 to the extent that they apply to FTB's e-file Program.

Specific California e-file requirements can be found in FTB Publications 1345, 1345B, 1346B and 1346X.

You must comply with all the latest FTB publications, forms, and notices governing the California e-file Program.

## 1.3 Where Can I Get More Information?

FTB offers each software developer participant a personal Account Manager to assist you with account and production related questions and issues, as well as being your main point of contact during the PATs process. For assistance in formatting and transmitting your e-file returns, or if you have questions regarding the test conditions contained in this publication, please contact your personal Account Manager.

If you need more information about your personal Account Manager or have general e-file questions, including acknowledgement re-hang requests or SWIFT (Secure Web Internet File Transfer) registration inquiries please contact:

### **e-Programs Customer Service Unit**

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If you have comments or suggestions regarding California's XML Business or Individual e-file Programs, or this publication, send them to:

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**Franchise Tax Board**  
**PO Box 1468**  
**Sacramento CA 95812-1468**  
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**Individual e-file Coordinator, MS F-284**  
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## **1.4 Why Test?**

The purpose of PATS is to ensure, prior to "live" processing, that:

- Software Developers and Transmitters send returns in the correct format, meet our electronic filing schema specifications, and have no business rule violations (rejects).
- Transmitters and Direct Electronic Return Originator's (EROs) can communicate with our SWIFT system to transmit returns as well as retrieve their receipts and acknowledgement files.
- Transmitters and Direct ERO's understand and are familiar with the mechanics of e-filing XML business and individual returns to FTB.

## Section 2 – PATS Procedures

### 2.1 Who Must Test?

To participate in California's XML Business and Individual e-file Programs the following participant types must meet all PATS requirements contained in this publication:

- Software Developers
- Transmitters
- EROs who transmit directly with FTB

**Note:** Generally, if your software allows you to transmit returns directly to FTB, the software company will provide you with the PATS returns to submit to us.

### 2.2 Before You Test

Prior to testing, all Software Developers, Transmitters, and ERO's transmitting directly with FTB must:

- Have or obtain an Electronic Transmitter Identification Number (ETIN) through the IRS.
- Register for a User ID and Password (if you do not already have one) to use our SWIFT system. (See Section 2.3, below, for SWIFT registration contact information)\*

\* If you currently have a SWIFT User ID and Password for Individual e-file you do not need a separate User ID and Password to submit returns in XML format. You may use the same SWIFT mailbox for both types.

Refer to Publication 3112, *IRS e-file Application and Participation* for IRS Form 8633 procedures, FTB Pubs 1346X, Section 5, and the [SWIFT Transmitter User Guide](#) located on our website for more information about SWIFT.

You must complete PATS before you can transmit any production returns. Once you successfully complete PATS, your Account Manager will notify you via email of your acceptance.

For Business e-file, if you plan to support previous years, in addition to current year e-file returns, and you have not previously passed PATS for these years, you must successfully complete a set of tests for previous year forms. Contact the e-Programs Customer Service Unit for more information on previous year PATS.

### 2.3 Testing for Software Developers

The PATS process for Software Developers is as follows:

- Contact the e-Programs Customer Service Unit at 916.845.0353 for initial instructions, including registering for a SWIFT User ID and Password, if needed.
- To expedite the PATS process, for each product and form family that your software supports, complete the information on the Supported Forms document provided on the following pages or complete the [business](#), or [individual XML](#) fillable forms located on our website. **Fax or e-mail a copy to your Account Manager prior to transmitting any test returns.**

Date:

**2010 BUSINESS e-file SUPPORTED FORMS AND FEATURES****\*Required Fields**

<b>*Software Developer Name</b>	
<b>Doing Business As (DBA)</b>	
<b>*Contact Person Name</b>	
<b>*Contact Phone Number</b>	
<b>*Product Name</b>	
<b>*Product Production ETIN(s) applicable to CA</b>	
<b>Product Test ETIN(s) applicable to CA</b>	
<b>*SWIFT User ID</b>	
<b>*IRS Issued Software ID</b>	

FORMS/SCHEDULES/ FEATURES	TITLE	FORMS/ FEATURES SUPPORTED	
		YES	NO
Form 100	CA Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return		
Form 100S	CA S Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return		
Form 100W	CA Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return – Water's Edge Filers		
Form 100WE	Water's Edge Election		
Form 100X	Amended Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return		
Form 565	Partnership Return of Income		
Form 568	Limited Liability Company Return of Income		
Form 592-B	Resident and Nonresident Withholding Tax Statement		
Form 593	Real Estate Withholding Tax Statement		
Form 2416	Schedule of Included Controlled Foreign Corporations (CFC)		
Form 2424	Water's Edge Foreign Investment Interest Offset		
Form 3501	Employer Child Care Program/Contribution Credit		
Form 3521	Low-Income Housing Credit		
Form 3523	Research Credit		
Form 3527	New Jobs Credit		
Form 3544	Election to Assign Credit Within Combined Reporting Group		
Form 3544A	List of Assigned Credit Received and/or Claimed by Assignee		
Form 3834	Interest Computation Under the Look-Back Method for Completed Long-Term Contracts		
Form 3540	Credit Carryover Summary		
Form 3548	Disabled Access Credit for Eligible Small Businesses		
Form 3725	Assets Transferred from Parent Corporation to Insurance Company Subsidiary		
Form 3726	Deferred Intercompany Stock Account (DISA) and Capital Gains Information		
Form 3801	Passive Activity Loss Limitations		

FORMS/SCHEDULES/ FEATURES	TITLE	FORMS/ FEATURES SUPPORTED	
		YES	NO
Form 3801-CR	Passive Activity Credit Limitations		
Form 3802	Corporate Passive Activity Loss and Credit Limitations		
Form 3805E	Installment Sale Income		
Form 3805Q	Net Operating Loss (NOL) Computation and NOL and Disaster Loss Limitation - Corporation		
Form 3805Z	Enterprise Zone Deduction and Credit Summary		
Form 3806	Los Angeles Revitalization Zone Deduction and Credit Summary		
Form 3807	Local Agency Military Base Recovery Area Deduction and Credit Summary		
Form 3808	Manufacturing Enhancement Area Credit Summary		
Form 3809	Targeted Tax Area Deduction and Credit Summary		
Form 3832	Limited Liability Company Nonresident Members' Consent		
Form 3885	Corporation Depreciation and Amortization		
Form 3885L	Depreciation and Amortization		
Form 3885P	Depreciation and Amortization		
Form 5806	Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Corporations		
LLC Income Worksheet	Limited Liability Company Income Worksheet		
SCH B (100S)	S Corporation Depreciation and Amortization		
SCH C (100S)	S Corporation Tax Credits		
SCH D (100S)	S Corporation Capital Gains and Losses and Built-In Gains		
SCH D (565 & 568)	Capital Gain or Loss		
SCH D-1	Sales of Business Property		
SCH H (100)	Dividend Income Deduction		
SCH H (100S)	S Corporation Dividend Income Deduction		
SCH H (100W)	Dividend Income Deduction – Water's-Edge Filers		
SCH K-1 (100S)	Shareholder's Share of Income, Deductions, Credits, etc.		
SCH K-1 (565)	Partner's Share of Income, Deductions, Credits, etc.		
SCH K-1 (568)	Member's Share of Income, Deductions, Credits, etc.		
SCH P (100)	Alternative Minimum Tax and Credit Limitations - Corporations		
SCH P (100W)	Alternative Minimum Tax and Credit Limitations – Water's-Edge Filers		
SCH QS	Qualified Subchapter S Subsidiary (QSub) Information Worksheet		
SCH R	Apportionment and Allocation of Income		
Supplemental SCH R	Supplemental Apportionment and Allocation of Income		

FORMS/SCHEDULES/ FEATURES	TITLE	FORMS / FEATURES SUPPORTED	
		YES	NO
Direct Deposit Refund (DDR)			
Electronic Funds Withdrawal (EFW) (For Balance Due)			
EFW (For Future Estimate Payments)			
EFW (For Estimated LLC Fee Payments)			
EFW (For LLC Annual Tax Payments)			
Other			
Other			
Other			
Other			



Date:

**2010 BUSINESS e-file COMBINED RETURN****SUPPORTED FORMS AND FEATURES****\*Required Fields**

<b>*Software Developer Name</b>	
<b>Doing Business As (DBA)</b>	
<b>*Contact Person Name</b>	
<b>*Contact Phone Number</b>	
<b>*Product Name</b>	
<b>*Product Production ETIN(s) applicable to CA</b>	
<b>Product Test ETIN(s) applicable to CA:</b>	
<b>*SWIFT user Id</b>	
<b>*IRS Issued Software ID</b>	

FORMS / SCHEDULES/ FEATURES	TITLE	FORMS / FEATURES SUPPORTED	
		YES	NO
Form 100 Combined Report Return	CA Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return		
Form 100 Parent Return	CA Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return		
Form 100 Parent Eliminations Return	CA Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return		
Form 100 Parent Adjustments Return	CA Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return		
Form 100 Subsidiary Return	CA Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return		
Form 100 Subsidiary Eliminations or Adjustments Return	CA Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return		
Form 100 Combined Report Schedule 1A	Net Income Before State Adjustments		
Form 100 Combined Report Schedule 1B	Income Subject To Apportionment		
Form 100 Combined Report Schedule 1C	Intercompany Transactions		
Form 100 Combined Report Schedule 3	Tax Year Alignment		
Form 100W Combined Report Return	CA Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return – Water's Edge Filers		
Form 100W Parent Return	CA Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return – Water's Edge Filers		
Form 100W Parent Eliminations Return	CA Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return – Water's Edge Filers		
Form 100W Parent Adjustments Return	CA Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return – Water's Edge Filers		
Form 100W Subsidiary Return	CA Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return – Water's Edge Filers		

FORMS/SCHEDULES/ FEATURES	TITLE	FORMS / FEATURES SUPPORTED	
		YES	NO
Form 100W Subsidiary Eliminations or Adjustments Return	CA Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return – Water's Edge Filers		
Form 100W Combined Report Schedule 1A	Net Income Before State Adjustments		
Form 100W Combined Report Schedule 1B	Income Subject To Apportionment		
Form 100W Combined Report Schedule 1C	Intercompany Transactions		
Form 100W Combined Report Schedule 3	Tax Year Alignment		
Form 100/100W Combined Report Schedule 4	Interest Offset		
Form 100/100W Combined Report Schedule 5A-5C-5D	Apportionment and Income Assignment		
Form 100/100W Combined Report Schedule 5B	Partial Year Property Factor		
Form 100/100W Combined Report Schedule 5F	Net Income and Tax		
Form 100/100W Combined Report Schedule 6	Alternative Minimum Tax		
Form 100/100W Combined Report Schedule L	Balance Sheet		
Form 100/100W Combined Report Schedule M1	Income Reconciliation		
Form 100/100W Combined Report Schedule M2	Unappropriated Retained Earnings Analysis		
Form 100/100W Combined Report Schedule V	Costs of Goods Sold		
Other			
Other			

Date:

## 2010 XML INDIVIDUAL e-file SUPPORTED FORMS AND FEATURES

\*Required Fields

*Software Developer Name	
*Doing Business As (DBA):	
*Contact Person Name	
*Contact Phone Number	
*Product Name	
*Product Production ETIN(s) applicable to CA	
Product Test ETIN(s) applicable to CA	
*SWIFT User ID	
*IRS Issued Software ID	

FORMS/SCHEDULES/ FEATURES	TITLE	FORMS/ FEATURES SUPPORTED	
		YES	NO
Form 540	California Resident Income Tax Return		
Long Form 540NR	California Nonresident or Part-Year Resident Income Tax Return (Long Form)		
Short Form 540NR	California Nonresident or Part-Year Resident Income Tax Return (Short Form)		
Form W-2	Wage and Tax Statement		
Form 1099-R	Distributions From Pensions, Annuities, Retirement or Profit-Sharing Plans, IRA's, Insurance Contracts, etc.		
Form FTB 592-B	Resident and Nonresident Withholding Tax Statement		
Form FTB 593	Real Estate Withholding Tax Statement		
Form FTB 3501	Employer Child Care Program/Contribution Credit		
Form FTB 3506	Child and Dependent Care Expenses Credit		
Form FTB 3521	Low-Income Housing Credit		
Form FTB 3523	Research Credit		
Form FTB 3526	Investment Interest Expense Deduction		
Form FTB 3527	New Jobs Credit		
Form FTB 3540	Credit Carryover Summary		
Form FTB 3548	Disabled Access Credit for Eligible Small Businesses		
Form FTB 3800	Tax Computation for Certain Children with Investment Income		
Form FTB 3801	Passive Activity Loss Limitations		
Form FTB 3801-CR	Passive Activity Credit Limitations		
Form FTB 3803	Parents' Election to Report Child's Interest and Dividends		
Form FTB 3805E	Installment Sale Income		

FORMS/SCHEDULES/ FEATURES	TITLE	FORMS/ FEATURES SUPPORTED	
		YES	NO
Form FTB 3805P	Additional Taxes on Qualified Plans (Including IRAs) and Other Tax-Favored Accounts		
Form FTB 3805V	Net Operating Loss (NOL) Computation and NOL and Disaster Loss Limitations – Individuals, Estates, and Trusts		
Form FTB 3885A	Depreciation and Amortization Adjustments		
Form FTB 5805	Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Individuals and Fiduciaries		
Form FTB 5805F	Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Farmers and Fishermen		
Schedule CA (540)	California Adjustments – Residents		
Schedule CA (540NR)	California Adjustments – Nonresidents or Part-Year Residents		
Schedule D (540)	California Capital Gain or Loss Adjustment		
Schedule D (540NR)	California Capital Gain or Loss Adjustment		
Schedule D-1	Sales of Business Property		
Schedule G-1	Tax on Lump Sum Distributions		
Schedule HOH/Form 4803e	Head of Household		
Schedule P (540)	Alternative Minimum Tax and Credit Limitations – Residents		
Schedule P (540NR)	Alternative Minimum Tax and Credit Limitations – Nonresidents and Part-Year Residents		
Schedule R	Apportionment and Allocation of Income		
Schedule S	Other State Tax Credit		
Direct Deposit Refund (DDR) to 1 account			
DDR to 2 accounts			
Electronic Funds Withdrawal (EFW) (For Balance Due)			
EFW (For Future Estimated Tax Payments)			
Self-Select PIN			
Practitioner PIN (8879)			
SSMC/RDP Filing Indicator			
Returns with Foreign Address			
Withholding from other than W-2, W-2G, or 1099R			
Underpayment of Estimate Tax			
3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Designee			
Other			
Other			

## 2.4 Business Test Return Requirements

### Prepare test returns according to the following requirements:

- Provide at least 2 examples of each return type that you will support (i.e.–Form 100, Form 100S, Form 100W, Form 100X, Form 565, Form 568, etc).
- At least one of every form, schedule, and feature you support (according to the list of supported forms, schedules, and features provided to your Account Manager) must be included among the total test returns you submit.

In addition, the following conditions must be met for each form type and feature you support:

#### Form 100

- At least 1 return containing at least 2 occurrences of form 3805E.
- At least 1 return with Schedule Q Final Return box checked.
- At least 1 return with unique data present on line 18 (Net income (loss) after state adjustments) and line 19 (Net income (loss) for state purposes).
- At least 1 return with data present on Schedule A column (c) (Total amount).
- At least 1 return with data present on Schedule F line 20 (Depreciation).
- At least 1 return with data present on Schedule D-1 line 34 (Add column A through column D).
- At least 1 return containing 2 occurrences of form 592-B.
- At least 1 return containing an Electronic Funds Withdrawal (EFW) for a balance due.
- At least 1 return containing an EFW for an estimated tax payment.
- At least 1 return containing an attached Federal 1120 return.
- At least 1 return containing an attached Federal 1120-F return (if supported).

#### Form 100S

- At least 1 return containing at least 2 occurrences of Schedule K-1 (100S).
- At least 1 return with unique data present on line 15 (Net income (loss) after state adjustments) and line 16 (Net income (loss) for state purposes).
- At least 1 return with data present on Schedule K, column (d) lines 7 (NetSTCGL) and 8 (NetLTCGL)
- At least 1 return containing an EFW for a balance due.
- At least 1 return containing an EFW for an estimated tax payment.
- At least 1 return containing an attached Federal return.

**Form 100W**

- At least 1 return with unique data present on line 18 (Net income (loss) after state adjustments) and line 19 (Net income (loss) for state purposes).
- At least 1 return containing an EFW for a balance due.
- At least 1 return containing an EFW for an estimated tax payment.
- At least 1 return containing an attached Federal 1120 return.
- At least 1 return containing an attached Federal 1120-F return (if supported).

**Form 565**

- At least 1 return with data present on line 17a (Depreciation and Amortization)
- At least 1 return containing at least 2 occurrences of Schedule K-1 (565).
- At least 1 return containing an EFW for a balance due.
- At least 1 return containing 2 occurrences of form 592-B.
- At least 1 return containing an attached Federal 1065 return.
- At least 1 return containing an attached Federal 1065-B return (if supported).

**Form 568**

- At least 1 return with data present on line 1 (Total Income)
- At least 1 return containing at least 2 occurrences of Schedule K-1 (568).
- At least 1 return with data present on Schedule B, line 17a (Depreciation and amortization).
- At least 1 return containing an EFW for an annual tax payment.
- At least 1 return containing an EFW for an estimated fee payment

## 2.5 Individual Test Return Requirements

Prepare test returns using the following Taxpayer IDs (TPID) and Spouse IDs (SPID) along with the corresponding shared secret(s), if signing using electronic signature.

TPID	SPID	TPID Shared Secret	SPID Shared Secret
501005001		46450	
501005002	401005002	108950	108950
501005003		43200	
005005004		24110	
501005005	401005005	87493	87493
501005006		64000	
501005007		56507	
501005008		60830	
501005009	401005009	53000	53000
501005010	401005010	80000	80000
005005011		66140	

**Note:** For all other forms that contain SSN fields use “00” in the fourth and fifth positions (Ex: FTB Form 3506).

### Prepare the test returns according to the following requirements:

- Provide at least 2 return examples of each return type that you will support (i.e. – Form 540, Form 540NR). In addition, the following specific conditions must be included among the return examples you provide.
- At least one of every form, schedule, and feature you support (according to the list of supported forms, schedules, and features provided to your Account Manager) must be included among the total number of test returns you submit.
- Include at least one example of an entry that meets each of the following general conditions, applicable to all form types and features that you support:
  - Last name that includes a suffix Jr, Sr., etc
  - Prior year last name different
  - Spouse/RDP claimed as a dependant on another return
  - Apartment Number (Apt #) included in address
  - Foreign address (if supported)
  - Filing status 2 (MFJ/RDP) with Spouse/RDP prior year last name different
  - Filing status 5 (Qualifying Widow)
  - CA SDI entered on W-2
  - DDR request to 1 account
  - DDR request to 2 accounts
  - EFW request for a Balance Due
  - A DDR and EFW (for Estimated Tax Payments) requested on the same return
  - A Self-Select PIN or Practitioner PIN used to sign the return

In addition to the above general conditions, the following specific conditions must be met.

### **Form 540**

- At least 1 return containing Use Tax.
- At least 1 return containing underpayment of estimated tax.
- At least 1 return containing a special credit and attachment of the corresponding credit form.
- At least 1 return containing withholding other than W-2, W-2G, or 1099R (ex: 1099A, 1099B).
- At least 1 return containing an attached federal return.

### **Form 540 NR**

- At least 1 return containing underpayment of estimated tax.
- At least 1 return containing a special credit and attachment of the corresponding form.
- At least 1 return containing withholding other than W-2, W-2G, or 1099R (ex: 1099A, 1099B).
- At least 1 return containing an attached Federal return.

After you have composed your test returns, submit them according to the following procedures:

- Transmit returns according to our SWIFT procedures (See FTB Pub 1346X, Section 5 (SWIFT) and the [FTB SWIFT Transmitter User Guide](#))
- Pick up all receipts and acknowledgment (ACK) files from your SWIFT mailbox before requesting PATS acceptance review.
- Notify your Account Manager for assistance in resolving rejected returns.
- Notify your Account Manager via email for PATS acceptance review once you have received accepted acknowledgements for all of the test returns.
- Provide your account manager with your **SWIFT User ID** along with the **Transmission ID** and **FTB issued Serial Number** of the return file(s) you want reviewed for acceptance.
- After your test returns are reviewed, your Account Manager will notify you of the results via email.
- We will notify you of any problems or irregularities that will require you to correct and re-submit any returns.
- If you have successfully completed PATS, you will be notified via email by your Account Manager of your acceptance.
- You may transmit as many test returns as necessary until you receive no error messages or rejects prior to requesting PATS acceptance review.



## 2.6 Testing Communications Protocol

You can also use your FTB PATS test returns to test and debug any potential or existing problems with your SWIFT communications protocol. Contact your Account Manager if you encounter any problems you feel may be related to our SWIFT system.

All XML business and individual e-file returns must be transmitted via SWIFT as specified in FTB Pub 1346X, Section 5 (SWIFT) and in the [FTB SWIFT Transmitter User Guide](#).

## 2.7 Testing for Transmitters and Direct EROs

The PATS process for Transmitters and Direct EROs is as follows:

- Contact the e-Programs Customer Service Unit at 916.845.0353 for initial instructions, including registering for a SWIFT User ID and Password.
- Prepare the test returns as instructed by your software company (test returns may be included with your software).
- Transmit the test returns following the instructions included with your software. As a Transmitter using accepted software, you must complete an error-free communications test by transmitting five returns in two same-day SWIFT transmissions.
- After we validate your test returns, we will return an ACK file to your SWIFT “FromFTB” mailbox that indicates whether each return was accepted or rejected. You must pick up your ACK files in order to complete PATS.
- If we reject your returns due to formatting (Schema) or transmission errors, contact your Software Developer. After you receive the corrected software, you must retransmit the rejected returns.
- Contact the e-Programs Customer Service Unit at 916.845.0353 for approval once you have successfully completed your error-free communications test.
- We will notify you via phone or email of your acceptance.

## 2.8 Reminders

Software Developers and Transmitters must:

- Ensure they are an accepted participant in the IRS e-file program before transmitting returns to us.
- Contact our e-Programs Customer Service at 916.845.0353 for initial instructions prior to transmitting test returns.
- Not accept electronic returns from their clients until they have been approved by FTB for “live processing”.
- Not send “live” returns as test returns and vice versa. Be sure your Transmission Manifest is correctly set to “T” for Test or “P” for Production. “Live” returns sent to the test environment are considered “not filed”.
- Inform their clients that they may use only the accepted version of software. Software Developers should not distribute their software until FTB notifies them of their acceptance.
- Remember to provide examples of each of the forms, schedules, and features you support among the completed returns you submit.

- Successfully complete all test return requirements included in this package that apply to the e-file features listed for each of your software products.
- Remember that not all line amounts, forms, schedules, etc. that may be required for validation are necessarily listed in the test return requirements found in Section 2.4 and 2.5. Consult the applicable FTB schemas and business rules for complete requirements.
- Remember that there are no specific test cases for California's XML Business and Individual e-file PATS. Follow the requirements in Sections 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 to compose your test returns.
- Remember that California XML Business and Individual PATS test returns are not derived from the PATS test scenarios located in the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Publication 4162, *Modernized e-file Test Package for U.S. Corporation Income Tax Returns* or Publication 1436 *Test Package for Electronic Filers of Individual Income Tax Returns*.

## Section 3 – Finalizing PATS

### 3.1 Review of Participants Return File

Once you have transmitted the required test returns, your Account Manager will validate your final transmission and will notify you if any problems or irregularities are found. Upon successful completion, your Account Manager will send you a PATS acceptance letter via email.

### 3.2 Using Your Own Test Returns

Since every conceivable condition cannot be represented in our test returns, you are welcome to test additional data of your own, **after** you have received PATS acceptance. We welcome your suggestions for improving our test returns.

**Note:** When transmitting returns via SWIFT, be sure that your Transmission ID contains a [T] to indicate you are submitting test returns and not a [P], for production, even if you are testing after you have passed PATS.

We hope you find California e-file PATS to be a productive process and we thank you for your participation in the California e-file program.